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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 -12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE:

Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Illinois Commerce Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Illinois Commerce Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Illinois was used in the preceding calendar year (2013) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2015) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

Attached is a list of carriers certified by the ICC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC). In order to meet the certification requirement, the ICC requires carriers to sign and return a notarized

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("<u>Certification</u>. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. A representative of each carrier signed and returned an affidavit of compliance.

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LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

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ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE	Study Area 34-0976
ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORK TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-0978
C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1009
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-0983
CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-0984
CELLULAR PROPERTIES, INC.	Study Area 34-9011
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	
CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-0990
CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC.	Study Area 34-0993
DIVERSE COMMUNICATIONS	Study Area 34-9004
EGYPTIAN TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N.	Study Area 34-1003
EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1004
FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC.	Study Area 34-1012
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE, INC.	Study Area 34-0998
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.	Study Area 34-1038
FRONTIER COMMUNICAITONS OF LAKESIDE, INC.	Study Area 34-1011
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CAROLINAS, INC.	Study Area 34-3035
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC.	Study Area 34-1055
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC.	Study Area 34-1061
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC.	Study Area 34-1067
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC.	Study Area 34-1073
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC.	Study Area 34-1079
FRONTIER NORTH, INC.	Study Area 34-1015
	nd Study Area 34-1036
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	Study Area 34-1057
GENESEO TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-1016
GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1017
GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1020
GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL.	Study Area 34-1021
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC GENESEO TELEPHONE CO. GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL. GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO. HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.	Study Area 34-1023
HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP	Study Area 34-1024
HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.	Study Area 34-1026
HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-1029
HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1032
ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY	Study Area 34-1037
ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-I PARTNERSHIP1	Study Area 34-9008
	nd Study Area 34-9010
ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-II PARTNERSHIP	Study Area 34-9009
KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Study Area 34-1041
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Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership, ,Study Area 34-9010, was merged into Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-II Partnership.

Please note that the ICC has, in past years, certified the Bergen Telephone Co., Study Area 33-0848, and the Sharon Telephone Co., Study Area 33-0946. These companies, while serving in each case a small number of lines in the State of Illinois, serve primarily in the State of Wisconsin, have been assigned Wisconsin Study Area numbers, and are certified by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Insofar as certification of these companies by the ICC is called for, the ICC is prepared to do so, but is informed and believes that the WPSC is the proper state Commission to provide such certification.

Please further note that Frontier North, Inc., is the only Illinois <u>non-rural</u> carriers receiving high cost support for which state commission certification is required.

It should be noted that in the past, the ICC has certified USCOC of Illinois RSA #1, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #4, LLC, and USCOC of Rockford, LLC as well as USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC. USCOC of Illinois, LLC is the entity that survived a merger of all of the Illinois USCOC entities. It appears that the surviving USCOC entity may subsume several study areas, namely 34-8001, 34-8002, 34-8003 and 34-8004, as well as 34-8007. Insofar as this merger transaction is not reflected in the Commission's or USAC's records, the ICC is prepared to certify USCOC in these areas as well.